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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 27-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 27-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This non-final action is in response to the Remarks filed on 9/11/06. Applicant's arguments are persuasive. New grounds of rejections have been made.
2. Claims 27-52 are presented for Examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 32-33 and 43-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. **Claims 27-31, 34-42, and 45-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dokic et al. (hereinafter Dokic) (US 6,009,389).**
4. As to claim 27, Dokic teaches in a system comprising a first processor and one or more other processors, a method for applying one or more interrupt signals to the one or more other

processors, the method comprising:

- (a) generating, in the first processor (DSPA or DSPB) (Fig. 2, 200a or 200b), a data signal having two or more data bits, wherein each data bit has either a first bit or a second bit value (1 or 0) (col. 5, lines 4-30 and 60-67);
- (b) transmitting the data signal (Fig. 2, items 206a and 206b) from a data port of the first processor to a signal unit external to the first processor and the one or more other processors (the host, etc) (col. 4, lines 34-47, col. 5, lines 60-67, col. 12, lines 59-67, Fig. 3, items 1300-1305);
- (c) converting, in the signal unit, the data signal into one or more interrupt signals, wherein each analyzed data bit in the data signal having a specified bit value corresponds to a different interrupt signal (col. 5, lines 4-30, Fig. 5, items 5601-5605, etc.); and
- (d) transmitting each interrupt signal from the signal unit to an interrupt port of an other processor (col. 4, lines 34-47, col. 5, lines 60-67, col. 12, lines 59-67).

5. As to claim 28, Burroughs teaches wherein the data signal has a plurality of analyzed data bits having the specified value; the signal unit converts the data signal into a plurality of interrupt signals (col. 5, lines 4-30, Fig. 5, items 5601-5605, etc.); and each interrupt signal is transmitted to a different interrupt port of an other processor (col. 4, lines 34-47, col. 5, lines 60-67, col. 12, lines 59-67).

6. As to claim 29, Dokic teaches wherein at least two interrupt signals are transmitted to two different ports of a single other processor (Fig. 2, items 206a, 206b, 207a, 207b).

7. As to claim 30, Dokic does not teach wherein at least two interrupt signals are transmitted to interrupt ports of at least two different other processors (Fig. 2, items 206a, 206b, 207a, 207b).
5. As to claim 31, Dokic teaches wherein the signal unit detects a transition in each data bit of the data signal over time to determine when to generate a corresponding interrupt signal (based on rising/falling edges) (col. 7, lines 16-25).
11. As to claim 34, Dokic teaches wherein each interrupt signal is transmitted from the signal unit to a corresponding interrupt port of a corresponding other processor via a dedicated line (I/O Bus A or B, Fig. 2, items 206a or 206b).
12. As to claim 35, Dokic teaches wherein the data signal is transmitted from the first processor to the signal unit via a shared data bus (Fig. 2, 206a, 206b, Fig. 3, 206a, 206b).
13. As to claim 36, it is rejected for the same reason as stated in the rejection of claim 27. Dokic teaches two-way communication between DSPA and DSPB (Fig. 2, 200a, 200b, 206a, 206b).
14. As to claim 37, Dokic teaches wherein at least one other interrupt signal is transmitted from the other signal unit to an interrupt port of at least one other processor (Fig. 2, 206a, 206b, Fig. 3, 206a, 206b).

15. As to claims 38-42 and 45-48, they are rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claims 27-31 and 34-37.

16. As to claims 49-50, they are rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claims 1 and 35.

17. As to claim 51, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejection of claim 1.

18. As to claim 52, it is rejected for the same reasons as stated in the rejections of claims 27, 34-35 and 38. In addition, Dokic teaches detecting a transition in each data bit of the data signal over time to determine when to generate a corresponding interrupt signal (based on rising/falling edges) (col. 7, lines 16-25).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejections.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Tang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 6:00PM, Every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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